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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Broadband Industry Practices - WC Docket 07-52

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We applaud President Obama's vision of providing Internet access to all Americans. Connecting to the vast communications network should no longer be considered a privilege. Universal broadband access is critical to closing the digital divide and ensuring the latest technology is available to everyone.

With more than 48 million Hispanics in the nation today and a population expected to surge to 132 million by 2050, ensuring broadband access for Hispanics must be a top priority. Meeting the goals Mr. Obama set forth cannot be accomplished unless infrastructure investment continues at least at its current rate.

The aim to ensure the network remains open and neutral is a commendable one. However, as you consider new regulations on broadband and wireless networks, we urge you to proceed cautiously. Past history teaches us that new laws, when imposed without adequately supportive evidence, often brings more unintended consequences than did the status quo.

Despite good intentions, renewed attempts to codify new rules may upset the balance that, thus far, has brought about great progress in narrowing the digital divide.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Bertha-Alicia Garza
President

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